

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE  
OF THE OWYHEE PROJECT**

April 3, 2024

A special meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on April 3, 2024, at the Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 8:00 a.m. Eric White, Chairman of the Joint Committee presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Eric White	Bret Nielson
Gregory Clark	Frank Ausman
Chris Landa	Bruce Corn

Also present were: Clancy Flynn, Manager of the Hydro Projects; Michael W. Horton, Secretary and Legal Counsel; J.L. Eldred, OID Watermaster; Dan Tschida (OID Alternate – by speaker telephone); and Lance Peterson, Member of the Public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Chairman Eric White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING NOTICE. Mr. Flynn reported that public notice of the meeting was given.

SNOW COURSE. Mr. Flynn reported on his flight over the watershed. He said that he now agrees with USBR and believes that the reservoir will fill. He said that the next 14 days are similar to the years 2022 and 2023 in that they got 86,000 a.f. and 106,000 a.f. of inflows during this time period and he predicts this year will be between the two. He said that he talked to USBR yesterday and they predict inflows to 12,000 cfs at Rome. Mr. Flynn said that he does not think inflows will be below 3,000 a.f. He said he recommends ramping up the river to 1,000 cfs and 300 cfs in the canals.

Mr. Eldred said that he is starting the Tunnel Plant and Mitchell Butte. Mr. Flynn said he wants authority to manage inflows in the next 10 days to take the top off. He said the target is 1,500 cfs using the jet flows. He said that the bridge might come out tomorrow. He said that the river never got down below 250 cfs of releases.

A discussion was had on running the jet flows. Mr. Flynn said that there is 662,000 a.f. in storage. He said that he could turn on one jet flow today and another tomorrow.

Mr. Landa said that they are irrigating in the south now.

Mr. Flynn said that there are two inches of rain predicted in the next two days. He said that the Snake River is up to 13,000 cfs. He said that the snow pack is comparable to 2023. He said there are two inches of rain predicted for Mud Flat.

USBR RECOMMENDATION. Mr. Flynn said that USBR is recommending releases go to 3,500 cfs and they predict 327,000 of inflows by June 1.

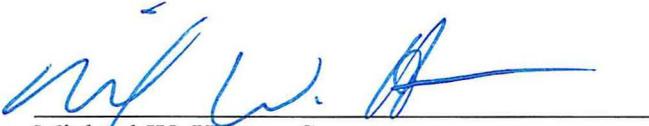
A discussion was had and after discussion, a motion was by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Nielson, and unanimously carried to increase releases to 1,000 cfs today and 1,700 cfs tomorrow with the Manager having authority at any time to make necessary adjustments and to have a special meeting of the Joint Committee if storage reaches 680,000 a.f. or inflows exceed 6,000 cfs.

Mr. Flynn said he is going to try to fly all the way to Nevada to look at the watershed.

NEXT MEETING. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday morning, April 8, at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Michael W. Horton, Secretary

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